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Re: FCOG 2002/03 – 2007/08 FTIP  
Amendment No. 21

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

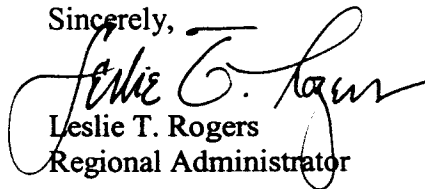
We have completed our review of the Fresno Council of Governments' (FCOG) 2002/2003 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment 21 submitted by your letter dated July 2, 2003. FCOG adopted these amendments on May 22, 2003. This amendment updates FAX's operating capital needs under FTA Section 5307 for 2003/2004.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this FSTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed (40 CFR §93.126 and/or 40 CFR §93.127).

This finding has been coordinated with the Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of Amendment No. 21 into California's 2003/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) with the understanding that FTA funding approval of projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements. Our approval is based on Caltran's assurance that the funding for these projects does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,



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Regional Administrator

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